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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

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1. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT LIST OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  
FOR AMBASSADORS HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
REVIEW BY EMBASSY LA PAZ.
2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OR REVISIONS,  
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6.
3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR:
  - A. HELPING IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR DEMOCRACY IN LATIN  
AMERICA

(1) ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO MAINTAIN OR ACCELERATE ITS  
TIMETABLE FOR A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND  
URGE GREATER PARTICIPATION BY CIVILIAN ELEMENTS IN THE  
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PROCESS.

(2) SUGGEST MORE EXCHANGES BETWEEN BOLIVIAN LEADERS  
AND LEADERS OF RECOGNIZED LATIN AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC

COUNTRIES, HOPEFULLY TO ENCOURAGE BOLIVIA'S EMULATING  
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

B. HUMAN RIGHTS

(1) URGE THE GOB TO CEASE THE PRACTICES OF JAILING AND EXILING MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND ENCOURAGE THE RELEASE OF THOSE STILL IMPRISONED AS WELL AS INVITE THOSE ALREADY EXILED TO RETURN HOME.

(2) CAUTION THE GOB TO LIMIT THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWER OVER THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION (PRESS, TV, RADIO, ETC.) IN THE INTEREST OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

(3) URGE THE GOB TO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONTROL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND UNITS OF ITS POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES IN THEIR TREATMENT OF LOCAL CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS SUCH AS US PRISONERS.

(4) SUGGEST THAT THE GOB EMBARK ON A MODERNIZATION PROGRAM TO IMPROVE ITS JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

(5) ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL AND ORGANIZED LABOR ACTIVITY.

C. COMBATTING ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

(1) REMIND THE GOB OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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A VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM TO COMBAT ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN THIS AREA WITH EMPHASIS ON MAJOR TRAFFICKERS.

(2) REMIND THE GOB THAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THE CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT UPON FAVORABLE RESULTS FROM BOTH THE SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM AND DRUG INTERDICTION.

D. ECONOMIC

(1) CONVEY OUR DESIRE THAT BOLIVIA REMAIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL AND THAT IT FOCUS ON THE COUNCIL AS THE VEHICLE FOR SOLVING ITS PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL TIN TRADE, ESPECIALLY PRICING. HOWEVER, ASSURE THE GOB THAT THE US IS AMENABLE TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON TIN AND OTHER MINERALS PROBLEMS IN GENERAL TERMS.

(2) URGE THE GOB TO SHARPEN ITS FOCUS ON THE SUBSISTENCE PORTION OF THE POPULATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EFFORTS WITH AN AIM OF WIDER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION. PROMOTE THE USE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID PROGRAMS TO THAT END.

E. MILITARY RELATIONS

(1) ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONTINUE ITS DE-EMPHASIS OF ARMS PURCHASES AND TO MAINTAIN ITS FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL POSSIBILITIES OF BOLIVIAN MILITARY UNITS.

(2) DISCOURAGE GOB ENTERTAINMENT OF ARMS DEALS WITH THE USSR AND OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES.

(3) CONGRATULATE GOB ON ITS EFFORTS TO KEEP REGIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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TENSIONS AT A LOW LEVEL THROUGH ITS TRIPARTITE MILITARY CONSULTATIONS WITH CHILE AND PERU.

F. BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE PACIFIC

(1) GIVE ASSURANCES OF US INTEREST IN A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF A BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE PACIFIC.

(2) INFORM THE GOB THAT WE WOULD SYMPATHETICALLY STUDY PROPOSALS FOR AID THROUGH INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO AN AGREED UPON CORRIDOR REGION.

G. CONSULAR

(1) CONTINUE TO PRESS THE GOB FOR FAIR AND RAPID JUSTICE IN ARREST CASES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS.

(2) URGE COMPASSIONATE RELEASES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO ARE ILL.

(3) SEEK GOB ACTION ON IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS IN DETENTION FACILITIES.

(4) ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONCLUDE AN EXCHANGE OF SANCTIONS TREATY WITH THE US SIMILAR TO THOSE AGREED TO BY MEXICO AND CANADA.

(5) ENCOURAGE THE GOB TO CONCLUDE A CONSULAR TREATY WITH THE US.

H. FOSTER CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LINKAGES WITH THE UNITED STATES  
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(1) EXPEDITE AND PROMOTE A WIDE RANGE OF EXCHANGES IN THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE COMMON INTERESTS AND CONCERNS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

4. PER REFTTEL, FOREGOING TAKES AS GIVEN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BUT STANDARD AMBASSADORIAL OBJECTIVES/TASKS, WHICH FOR PURPOSES OF THIS EXERCISE, NEED NOT BE CITED. THEY ARE: MAINTAIN AC"ES; TO BOLIVIAN MINERALS AND HYDROCARBON RESOURCES; MAINTAIN A CLIMATE OF OPINION FAVORABLE TO THE US; INCREASE US EXPORTS TO BOLIVIA; MAINTAIN GOB SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; ETC. CHRISTOPHER

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